



**PATENT**  
 Attorney Docket No. 202413  
 Client Reference No. 142389.01  
 Date: April 28, 2004

In re Application of: Kumbalimutt et al  
 Application No. 09/502,689  
 Filed: February 11, 2000  
 For: BACK-END DECOUPLED MANAGEMENT MODEL  
 AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM UTILIZING SAME

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action in the subject application.

- ☐ Small entity status is claimed for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for an extension of time for the period noted below, as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.
- ☐ Other:
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TIME EXTENSION PETITION FEE			none		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00		
		subtract time extension fee previously paid	none		(\$ 0.00)		(\$ 0.00)		
CLAIM FEE		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDIT. CLAIM FEE	RATE	ADDIT. CLAIM FEE
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- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 28, 2004, please amend this application as set forth hereinbelow. Reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks, and indication of the allowability of all claims remaining therein are respectfully solicited.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8</b>			
I hereby certify that this Response to Office Action and all accompanying documents are, on the date indicated below, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or <input type="checkbox"/> being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Attention: Examiner , Art Unit , Facsimile Number			
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